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MONTH OF DECEMBER

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1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED
TO US BY THE SECURITY FORCES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

2. DEC 1: MONTONEROS DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS AT VILLA LUGANO,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, ENTITLED "SUMMONS OF THE MONTONERO
PERONIST MOVEMENT". THE LEAFLETS WERE SIGNED BY THE CAPITAL
ZONE GENERAL SECRETARY, FELIPE LAROQUE.

ON THE SAME DATE, MOTTOS WERE WRITTEN ON THE BATHROOM WALLS OF
RENAULT ARGENTINA DEMANDING AN INCREASE IN SALARIES AND
REFERRING TO ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE WORLD
SOCCER CUP COMPETITION. THEY WERE SIGNED BY LIBERATION ARMED FORCES
(FAL), REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES (FAR) AND THE MONTONEROS.

ON THE SAME DATE, AT PUEYRREDON AVE. AND BARTOLOME MITRE
IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, A PLACARD WAS DISCOVERED ON A
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ROOFTOP CRITICIZING THE GOA. THE PLACARD WAS SIGNED BY
THE COMMUNIST WORKERS FEDERATION.

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DEC 2: THREE MEMBERS OF THE CUSTODIOS FOR A CHRYSLER EXECUTIVE RESIDING IN BANFIELD, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WERE ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS AS THEY WERE LEAVING THE AREA OF HIS RESIDENCE. THE TERRORISTS, USING MACHINEGUNS AND HAND GRENADES, KILLED 2 CUSTODIOS AND WOUNDED ONE. THEY ESCAPED IN A CHEVY SEDAN AND A DODGE PICKUP TRUCK THAT HAD BEEN USED IN THE ATTACK.

- ON THE SAME DATE, A BOMB EXPLODED IN A FIAT SEDAN PARKED AT URUGUAY AND MONTEVIDEO STS. IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THIS LOCATION IS NEAR THE GOVTS ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE. THE RESULTING EXPLOSION SERIOUSLY WOUNDED SIX PERSONS AND DAMAGED VEHICLES AND BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. THE FIAT REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN STOLEN EARLIER THAT WEEK BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE ARMANDO CAR AGENCY IN LA PLATA, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL DAMAGE.

- THREE YPF (NATIONAL OIL COMPANY TRUCKS CARRYING EXPLOSIVES FROM SANTA FE TO SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO PROVINCES WERE HIJACKED BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THE MANAGER OF MICRO OMNIBUS QUILMES CO. WAS ATTACKED BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES. THE ATTACKERS THEN DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS AND FLED.

- THREE PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES ROBBED A PROVINCIAL POLICE CPL. OF HIS GUN IN LA PLATA (CITY).

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- FOUR CARS WERE STOLEN FROM A GARAGE LOCATED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE MONTONEROS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, SEVERAL PERSONS ROBBED A PROVINCIAL POLICE CORPORAL OF HIS WEAPON AND I.D. CARD.

DEC. 4: IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, 2 MEN ROBBED A FEDERAL POLICE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF HIS GUN AND AMMUNITION. THEY ESCAPED IN A RENAULT 12 AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO WOMEN.

DEC. 5: ISSUE 18 OF EVITA MONTONERO WAS RECEIVED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF RADIO STATION 11 IN

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SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO. ON THE SAME DATE, AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING MONTONERO LEAFLETS WAS DELIVERED TO THE PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

DEC 6: MONTONERO LEAFLETS WERE FOUND IN THE STREETS OF MAR DEL PLATA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

- IN LANUS, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, 2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN MACHINEGUNNED TO DEATH CPL. HERCULANO OJEDA OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE. THE WOMEN GOT OUT OF THE CAR, SPRINKLED CPL. OJEDA WITH GASOLINE AND SET HIM ON FIRE.

- FEDERAL POLICEMAN DOMINGO SCAPIESTRA WAS ROBBED OF HIS GUN BY 2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN WHO FLED THE SCENE IN A RENAULT

DEC 12: NICOLAS A. MORENO, SECRETARY OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE IN CORDOBA WAS MURDERED BY SEVERAL PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES WHEN HE WAS LEAVING HIS HOME.

DEC 13: SUBVERSIVE LEAFLETS WERE FOUND NEAR THE BORGWARD ARGENTINA FACTORY, SIGNED BY THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY.

- NAVY CAPT. CARLOS A. FRASCH WAS ROBBED OF HIS WEAPON
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AND I.D. CARD IN MAR DEL PLATA BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES.

DEC 14: A A\$10 BANK NOTE WITH A SUBVERSIVE INSCRIPTION BY MONTONEROS WAS FOUND IN THE CHACO PROVINCE.

DEC 15: ONE OF THE BODYGUARDS OF RETD GEN. ROBERTO NIETO, COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY, WAS KIDNAPPED BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES AND QUESTIONED ABOUT GEN. NIETO'S MOVEMENTS. HE WAS LATER RELEASED.
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DEC 16: MONTONEROS SENT SEASONS GREETINGS CARDS TO
PERSONS IN COMODORO RIVADAVIA, CHABUT PROVINCE.

- ON THE SAME DATE, 200 PASSPORTS FROMS NO. 620-400-B
TO 620-601-B, WERE STOLEN BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE
SUBVERSIVES FROM THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN ROSARIO.

- ON THE SAME DATE, 8 SUBVERSIVES SHOT TO DEATH PEUGEOT
EXECUTIVE ANDRES GASPAROS. THEY AMBUSHED HIM WHILE
HE WAS TRAVELING IN A VEHICLE. THE TERRORISTS ESCAPED
IN A DODGE TRUCK.

- SHOTS WERE FIRED AT A PASSENGER TRAIN AT KM 1640,
ON THE WAY FROM PCO. DE MOTERO TO LAGUNA TOMA.

DEC 17: SEVERAL PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES
STOLE AUTOS IN MORON, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. ON THE
SAME DATE, CAR REGISTRATIONS WERE STOLEN FROM THE
VEHICLE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE IN CASTELAR, BUENOS AIRES PROV.

DEC 20: MONTONERO LEAFLETS WERE LEFT IN A BUS IN LA PLATA,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

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- AN EXPLOSIVE WAS DISCOVERED AND DEACTIVATED AT THE
SAN ANTONIO PADUA GOLF CLUB, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
MONTONERO MOTTOES WERE PAINTED ON THE WALLS OF BUILDINGS
IN THIS AREA.

- BOMBS WERE FOUND IN THE BANCO DE HURLINGHAM BUILDING
IN VILLA MADERO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

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- A BOMB WENT OFF AT 333 CROVARA ST, IN LA PLATA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

DEC 22: SUBVERSIVE LEAFLETS SIGNED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, BERISSO, ENSENADA AND LA PLATA AREA COMMITTEE, WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF TOLOSA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

DEC. 27: ISSUE 18 OF EVITA MONTONERO, COVERING SEPT. AND OCT. 1977, WAS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICES OF TV CHANNEL TEN IN TUCUMAN.

- JORGE A. ALVAREZ IN MAR DEL PLATA REPORTED RECEIVING A LETTER FROM GENOA, ITALY CONTAINING THE PUBLICATION "MOVEMENT" OF THE MPM SUPERIOR COUNCIL.

DEC 29: TWO MEN AND 2 WOMEN STOLE A DODGE 1500 IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

- TWO MEN AND A WOMAN IN A DODGE 1500 (BELIEVED TO BE THE VEHICLE REPORTED ABOVE) SHOT AND KILLED A POLICE SUBINSPECTOR OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE IN QUILMES.

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DEC 30: LEAFLETS SIGNED BY THE MONTONEROS CRITICIZING THE NATIONAL GOVT AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WERE FOUND IN BAHIA BLANCA/CURIA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

DEC 31: ISSUE 18 OF EVITA MONTONERO WAS RECEIVED BY RADIO STATION 9 IN SALTA PROVINCE.

RSO COMMENT: THE REPORTED INCIDENTS REFLECT REDUCED ACTIVITY BY THE TERRORISTS IN ALL FIELDS. THIS IS SUPPORTED BY OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SECURITY FORCES WHICH REFLECT MAJOR WEAKNESS IN TERRORIST ELEMENTS SINCE AUGUST 1977. THEIR PRINCIPLE ACTIVITY IS CENTERED IN THE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL AREA OF GREATER BUENOS AIRES WHERE THEY HAVE THEIR STRONGEST CADRE. THE SECURITY FORCES STILL EXPRESS CONCERN THE MONTONEROS MIGHT ENGAGE IN SOME SPECTACULAR DURING THE WORLD CUP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1978.
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